

March 19, 2003

Linda Kelly, ESI Program California Energy Commission 1516 Ninth Street, MS 43 Sacramento, California 95814-5504

Dear Ms. Kelly:

Southern California Edison is pleased the CEC is advancing a five-year plan to address the Research, Development and Demonstration needs of California's electricity transmission system. We appreciate the opportunity to provide input into the design and implementation of this program, and are in agreement with the ultimate goal of the CEC to successfully develop and deploy promising technologies in the transmission arena to benefit California's ratepayers and its citizens. Although a number of issues have yet to be resolved, we firmly believe that working collaboratively with you, the CPUC, the other California IOUs, the California ISO and other interested parties, we can create a program which will not only solve California's current transmission problems, but will provide a more resilient system for the future.

As requested, we have drafted written comments to address the areas covered in the March 12 Public Workshop. Our attached comments are organized to separately address the Scenario Analysis, the Gap Analysis and the Implementation Plan presented at the workshop. In addition, we have provided a brief discussion on California IOU participation in all levels of the program. Each of the California IOUs and the California ISO had input into the document and provided comments.

If you should have any questions or comments regarding this document, please feel free to call me or John M. Minnicucci of my staff at (626) 302-4355.

Very truly yours,

Attachment

cc:

Commissioner Arthur H. Rosenfeld, CEC, Sacramento Commissioner John L. Geesman, CEC, Sacramento Laurie ten Hope, Jamie Patterson, CEC, Sacramento